

January 13, 2012

H. Brady Surles
President, Sister Cities of Durham
Durham, NC 27702

Dear Mr. Surles,

The New Cities Committee (NCC) met on January 12, 2012, and by a unanimous vote of the quorum present, passed the motion to approve the new Sister City proposal for Zhuzhou, Hunan Province, China and to submit it to the full board for further discussion and review. We based our decision on a thorough review of the proposal that the Zhuzhou coordinating group submitted and on several meetings with them during our assessment period.

I have spoken with the co-chairs of the Zhuzhou group and have informed them of our action. They look forward to the meeting and retreat on January 28 and are preparing their presentation.

Please let me know if you need anything further from the New Cities Committee.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Bookman

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Chair, New Cities Committee